

EFFECTIVE

Upon receipt.

SUBJECT

Title IV-E adoption incentive funds. The title IV-E state plan requires written policy regarding the use of title IV-E adoption incentive funds.

Reason: Title IV-E state plan requirement.

The following policy is added to Adoption Services manual item ADM 990:

Title IV-E Adoption Incentives

Section 473A of the Social Security Act provides title IV_E adoption incentive payments to eligible states that increase the number of children adopted in specific circumstances. Any funds for which the state is eligible will be spent on activities such as:

- Statewide conference for public and private adoption staff, adoption advocates, adoptive families, court personnel and professions to present best practice information to encourage networking and development of improved practices.
- Post-adoption educational forums for parents and youth.
- Support to prepare children and families for adoption.
- Other adoption specific activities allowable under titles IV-B and IV-E.

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This policy will be added to the Adoption Services manual item ADM 990 at the next policy release.

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